



COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

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Mr. Vito Cannella
Ms. Rita Hall
Mr. John A. Hammargren
Mr. Carl E. Moore

MINUTES OF THE
SYBIL BRAND COMMISSION FOR INSTITUTIONAL INSPECTIONS
MONTHLY BUSINESS MEETING
AUGUST 16, 2006

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Montano called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.

OPENING CEREMONIES

Chair Montano led the pledge of allegiance followed by a moment of silence.
Mr. Jim Corbett, staff, prayed for Commissioner Rita Hall on her safe return from London.

ATTENDANCE

Present

Chair Eleanor R. Montano
Vice Chair Helen H. Stathatos
Frank Bacio
Vito Cannella

Excused Absence

Rita Hall
John A. Hammargren
Carl E. Moore

Others Present

Candace Rhue, Auditor-Controller
Deborah Jones, Lieutenant, Sheriff's Department, COSD
Geoconda Burbano, Department of Children and Family Services
Elizabeth Howard, DCFS, Out of Home Care Management
Ronald Hudson, Probation Department, Central Placement
Jim Corbett, Assistant Chief, Commission Services Division
Audra Galang, Commission Services Division

DEPARTMENT UPDATES ON FACILITY OPERATIONS

- **Sheriff's Department:** In the absence of Commander Roberts, Lt. Jones was introduced as the Department of Mental Health liaison and clinician. Lt. Jones will get the information on juvenile recidivism and also check on the status of re-opening the Sybil Brand Institute
- **Probation Department:** Mr. Hudson provided the Commission with a list of probation schools, which they function under the jurisdiction of Los Angeles County Office of Education. Schools are also found at the juvenile halls and camps.

Mr. Hudson agreed to make further inquiries into the diversity training provided to the juveniles. In addition, he will check into the possibility of providing the Commission with the Department's incident reports.

- **Auditor-Controller's Office:** Ms. Candace Rhue reported the Hudson Lyndsey Group Home is on hold status. There are financial concerns as well as non-compliance with a corrective action plan.
- **Department of Children and Family Services:** Ms. Elizabeth Howard reported Jay Cee Dee Group Home in Altadena has many problems with AWOLs. The home was put on hold for now.
- **Department of Mental Health: No Representative**

Chair Montano thanked the Department representatives for their attendance and informative presentations.

APPROVAL OF AUGUST 9, 2006 MINUTES

On motion of Commissioner Cannella, seconded by Vice Chair Stathatos, and unanimously carried, the minutes of August 9, 2006 were approved.

CHAIR'S REPORT

None

TREASURER'S REPORT

Commissioner Bacio reported the current balance of the Commission's Charitable Fund is \$1,094.00.

STAFF REPORT

Mr. Corbett, staff reported the representative of the Superior Court, Facilities and Capital Projects Division, Mr. John Van Whervin, was invited to attend the August 24, 2006 meeting on courthouse issues. Also, Mr. Corbett reported the nameplates for the lockers of the Commissioners were delivered.

CORRESPONDENCE

None

FACILITY/GROUP HOME INSPECTION REPORTS

Positive Path – 25, #6

Commissioners Bacio and Moore visited this facility on August 10th, and found the following areas of concern: change filter for air-conditioner and heater, paint bedroom walls, upstairs bedroom needs repair, one fire detector not working.

Project 6 – 58 #1; 59 #2

Vice Chair Stathatos and Commissioner Cannella visited these facilities on August 10th, and found them to be well run but will be closed. Instead, an 18-bed facility will be in operation at 15339 Saticoy St., Van Nuys, CA.

Children Are Our Future – 11, #2

Vice Chair Stathatos and Commissioner Cannella visited this facility on August 14th, and found no one home.

Mozell Pennington Boys Center – 70, #3

Chair Montano visited this facility on August 14th, and found no one home.

Renaissance Unlimited #4 – 92, #3

Chair Montano visited this facility on August 15th, and found an area of concern: restock first aid kit.

NEW BUSINESS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

Chair Montano shared inspection assignments with Commissioners for the following week.

PUBLIC COMMENT

There was none.

MATTERS NOT ON THE AGENDA (To be presented and placed on a future agenda)

None

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Chair Montano adjourned the meeting at 11:45 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jim Corbett
Staff